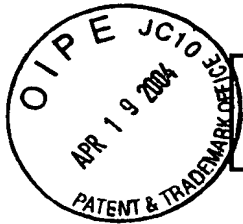


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Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action dated November 18, 2003, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on Page 2 of this paper.

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